Renaming of Tinsukia Mail as Dibrugarh Mail

14. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Tinsukia Mail, which was initially running upto Guwahati as Guwahati Mail, was originally proposed to run upto Dibrugrah as Dibrugarh Mail when it was introduced between New Delhi and Assam, with a transhipment at New Bongaigaon;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said train was renamed as Tin-sukia Mail when it was later on extended upto Tinsukia;

(c) whether Government propose to rename the said train as Dibrugarh Mail, as originally proposed, in view of the fact that it has been extended upto Dibrugarh; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) BG-MG service New Delhi-Guwahati was initially introduced as 'Assam Express*. At that time there was no proposal to run it upto Dibrugarh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Tinsukia Mail (MG) has been extended upto Dibrugarh Town from 1-10-1987. But there is no proposal to change its popular name.

Increase in the number of Rail accidents

15. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of rail accidents has gone up during the current post-budget period;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, stating the causes of the accidents;

'(c) whether Government have decided upon any remedial measures;

(d) whether Government are considering any changes in its Railway Transport Policy; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are as under: —

	Number of consequential train accidents				
		Collisions	Derail-ments	Accidents at level crossings	Fire in trains
April-June 1988	• 9	*	• 131	17	1
April-June 1987	7		110	14	4

Major causes of these accidents are — failure of railway staff, failure of persons other than railway staff, and failure of railway equipment.

(c) Some of the important steps taken to, prevent accidents are;

(i) Intensification of field inspections by supervisors and officers.

(ii) Formation of multi-disciplinary teams to inspect accident-prone areas and suggest corrective measures.

(iii) Counselling of staff especially Drivers, Assistant Station Masters, etc.

(iv) Revamping training programmes and emphasis on Refresher Courses.

(v) Deterrent punishments to those found responsible for accidents due to gross negligence.

(vi) Educational campaigns for the staff and publicity for the road users.

(vii) Induction of sophisticated technology as a counter-check to human lapses.

(viii) Improved maintenance of Track and Rolling Stock.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Financial assistance to State Governments for Developing tourism

16. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Ques-tion 1761 given in the Rajya Sabha on the llth March, 1988 and state what are the details of the amounts likely to be released during 1988-89 for tourism development schemes in States, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STAT OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL): Funds are released to State Governments in respect of continuing schemes on the basis of utili-sation certificates for amounts already released and new schemes for deve-lopment of tourism infrastructure are taken up in consultation with the State Governments keeping in view merits of the proposal, availability of funds and inter se priorities. While it is not possible to indicate, at this stage, the amount to be released during entire 1988-89, a statement showing funds sanctioned and funds released to various States during the first quarter of 1988-89 is attached.

Statement

State-wise details of amount sanctioned & amount released upto 30th June, 1988

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	*4*
1	*Andhra Pradesh*		
	1. Water Sports Recreation Complex at Bhawanipuram	7.80	. 7.02
2	*Arunachal Pradesh*		
	I. Cultural Complex at Twang	21.09	700
	2. Cafeteria at Ganga Lake	4-30	2.00
		25.39	9.00